

December 5, 2019

Quick Response Vehicle (QRV)

On November 25, Santa Clara County Ambulance began trials on a Quick Response Vehicle (QRV) in Sunnyvale. The QRV is staffed by a single County paramedic and will be dispatched to medical calls in Sunnyvale, in addition to a County Ambulance that is currently dispatched. The goal of the QRV is to get a paramedic on scene to medical calls as quickly as possible and the program should enhance medical care for residents using the 911 system. After a successful trail period, the permanent rollout of the QRV will occur before the end of the year, as an addition to our normal ambulance response, not as a substitute. For more information, please contact Captain Ryan Yin at ryin@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



Fill the Boot Happens in Sunnyvale

On October 26, approximately fifty volunteers from the Department of Public Safety participated in Fill the Boot, a Public Safety Officers' Association (PSOA) sponsored event that benefits the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Once a year, sworn Public Safety firefighters walk the intersections of Wolfe Road at El Camino Real and Mathilda Avenue at El Camino Avenue for donations to "Fill the Boot." All proceeds go directly to the MDA to help fund research in finding a cure for Muscular Dystrophy and to help fund their camp program. The money raised also helps fund the research needed to find new drug treatments that will hopefully, one day, find a cure. Public Safety Records staff, civilian volunteers, dispatchers, and family members counted the money collected. After the event, Sunnyvale DPS raised over \$31,000 for the MDA. A special thanks to all who volunteered and the generosity of the people of Sunnyvale who donated throughout the day. For more information, contact Lt. Chris Kassel at ckassel@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



This Holiday, Don't FOG Up the Pipes

It's holiday season! Those delicious fried, buttery and greasy foods can be hard on any diet — and on your pipes and sewer systems. When fats, oils and grease (FOG) go down the drain, they stick to the inside of pipes. Hardened FOG buildup can cause clogs and sewage backups into homes and streets, resulting in an expensive mess.

Take the easy way out and save your money by never pouring FOG down your drain. Instead, Sunnyvale residents can pour FOG into plastic bags and drop it into the yellow side of your garbage cart. The City's SMaRT Station® will also accept large quantities of used cooking oil at no cost (from Sunnyvale, Mountain View and Palo Alto residents).



State Reports on Sunnyvale's Wastewater Collection System

The Regional Water Board inspected the City's wastewater collections system on June 26, 2019 to evaluate compliance with the Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems. On November 7, 2019, the [Water Board issued its findings](#), reporting on the City's maintenance efforts including cleaning, video inspections, condition and capital investment. The City of Sunnyvale was found to be in compliance with all statewide requirements. The only recommendation made to the City is to keep more detailed records of its three sewer lift station inspections. The Water Board also reported that the leading cause of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) is root intrusion followed by fats, oils and grease (FOG) as shown in the figures below. Figure 1, also, shows that the City's preventative maintenance procedures have helped to reduce the number of SSOs, which is lower than other cities of comparable size. For more information please contact Mansour Nasser, Water and Sewer System Division Manager, at 408-730-7578 or mnasser@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Figure 1. Number and cause of SSOs from 2007 to 2019

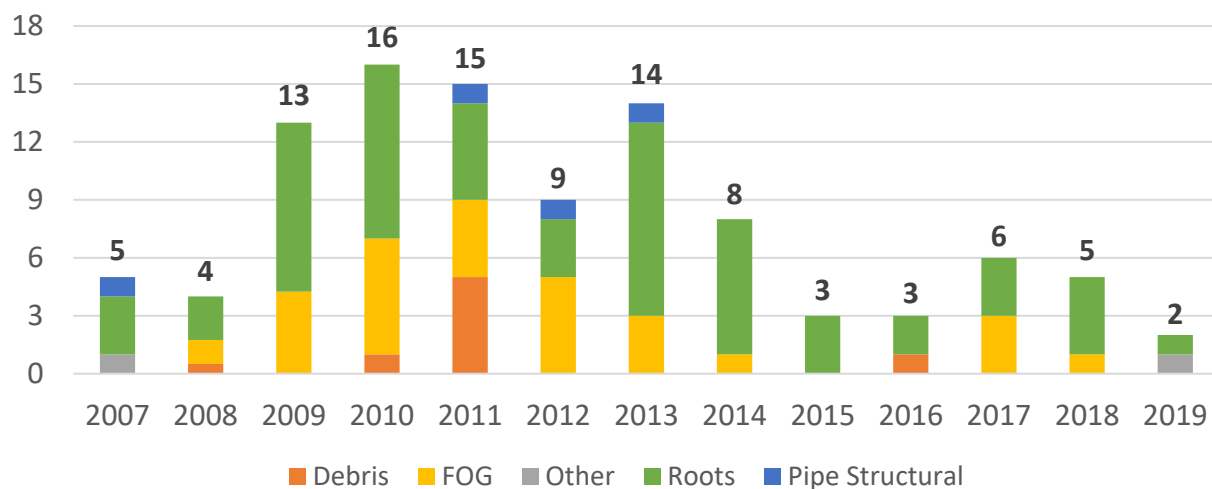
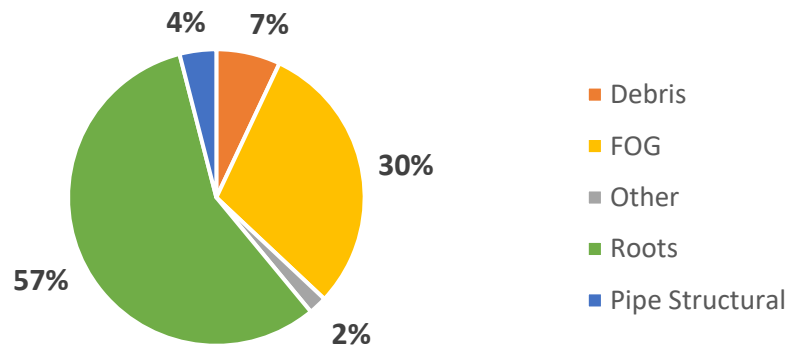


Figure 2. SSO cause from 2007 to 2019



2019 Burglary Suppression Detail

Historically, the holiday season has been a time of increased residential burglaries, vehicle burglaries, and package thefts. The Department of Public Safety has formed a temporary special enforcement detail to address this issue. This year the Burglary Suppression Detail will be out in our community from December 2 through December 20. It will consist of five officers and one lieutenant whose sole mission will be to make proactive pedestrian and vehicle contacts, identify burglary suspects and suppress their activity, and to supplement patrol operations during in-progress burglaries. For additional information, contact Lt. Jeromy Lima at jlima@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Plaza Del Sol Phase II

On August 22, 2019, the City contracted with Callander Associates Landscape Architecture, Inc. for community outreach and preparation of a preliminary design for the Plaza Del Sol park. The project will re-evaluate the scope and intent of Plaza del Sol due to major changes occurring in downtown. Multiple outreach meetings will be scheduled to get feedback from the community. The first meeting will be held on December 12, 2019 at Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Dr. at 7 p.m. The second community meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 2020. Please refer any questions to Public Works, Engineering Division, at 408-730-7605 or email pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Trench Rescue Technician Training

The Department of Public Safety hosted Trench Rescue Technician Training on November 6 through 10. This was a collaboration between Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, Palo Alto Fire Department, and the Sunnyvale Department of Public Works. Palo Alto Fire Department provided the instructors, and Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety provided the site and logistics. During this advanced rescue training, students were taught techniques and methods in dealing with a trench rescue. Fire personnel were taught shoring and rescue techniques specific to dealing with a trench rescue. This advanced training helps to keep our Fire personnel ready to assist our community in the event of a trench rescue. For more information, please contact Lt. Chris Kassel at ckassel@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



[NOVA Workforce Review Released for November](#)

On a monthly basis, NOVA produces a [Workforce Review](#) report that aggregates data from the recently released [State jobs report](#) for the NOVA eight-jurisdiction consortium. The November edition includes the article titled, “California defies recession fears to post job growth, record low unemployment” that states that while California is not immune to the risks faced by other states and the world with the ongoing trade war and slowing global economic activities, it continues to show strength with a low unemployment rate that represents the lowest in four decades and job creation that outpaced the nation. Within the state, Northern California payrolls are growing faster than Southern California in year over year gains. The unemployment rate for San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara Metropolitan Statistical Area was 2.3 percent in October, up from a revised 2.2 percent in September. The state unemployment rate was 3.7 percent in October, up from a revised 3.5 percent in September.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

[Winter Reading Programs at the Library are *snow* much fun](#)

[Winter Reading is Magical](#)

- For children age 0 through grade 5.
- Participants must read five books from December 1 to 31, 2019.
- Reading logs can be found at the Library or inside the e-newsletter.
- Participants will need to return their completed reading logs to the Library between January 2 to 15 to claim their reward. Each finisher will earn one free book to keep and one raffle ticket to our grand prize drawing.
- Children will also get to participate in themed activities such as Baby Holiday Pajama Party, DIY: Magic Snow Globe Slime, and a Winter Magic Show.



[Winter Readathon](#)

- For students in grades 6 through 12.
- For every book read, students will earn a ticket for the grand prize drawing and an opportunity to contribute to the giant snow globe display.
- Students will also get to participate in festive winter activities like Holiday Cookie Mix-in-a-Jar and Cocoa Café, Creative Coloring, and a film showing of Spider-Man Far From Home!

For additional information, contact the Library at 408-730-7300.

[Community Information Meeting to Develop New Transportation Policy](#)

Please join the City of Sunnyvale at a community meeting on December 12, 2019 at 6 p.m. at Murphy Park, 260 N. Sunnyvale Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086 to learn how the City is developing new transportation policy to meet the State requirements of Senate Bill (SB) 743. The bill requires all California cities and counties to use Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) required transportation analysis and adopt a VMT policy by July 1, 2020. To learn more about this effort, please visit the [Sunnyvale VMT website](#), or contact Dennis Ng,

Transportation and Traffic Manager, at dng@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7591, or Amber Blizinski, Principal Planner, at ablizinski@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-2723.

[Join us for a Fair Housing Plan Meeting](#)

On Thursday, December 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale the County of Santa Clara, the City of Sunnyvale, and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law are holding a community meeting focused on fair housing topics. Attendees will learn about the barriers some people face in obtaining housing, and the measures that all jurisdictions in Santa Clara County can take to reduce these barriers and promote equal opportunity in housing. Your input will help create a Five Year Fair Housing Plan. RSVP to Leif Christiansen at lchristiansen@sunnyvale.ca.gov or at 408-730-7451.



SUNNYVALE IN THE NEWS

[No more fire in the kitchen: Cities are banning natural gas in homes to save the planet](#)

USA Today - November 10, 2019

[Sunnyvale School District, Columbia Neighborhood Center Partner To Close The Digital Divide](#)

The Silicon Valley Voice - November 17, 2019

[Celebrating the Extended Express Lanes on SR 237](#)

Valley Transportation Authority - December 3, 2019